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NEW YORK, FEB. 11 (UPI)--THE ATTORNEY WHO PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF US PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS SAID TONIGHT THAT RUSSIA MIGHT SOON ALSO FREE MARVIN W. MAKINEN, AN AMERICAN TOURIST IMPRISONED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES LAST YEAR ON A CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE.

"I BELIEVE I HAVE ASSURANCE FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THAT IN THE EVENT OF BETTER RELATIONS AND AS A RESULT OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED (IN THE POWERS CASE) WE CAN EXPECT THEM TO RELEASE MAKINEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE," SAID ATTORNEY JAMES B. DONOVAN.

MAKINEN, 33, A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AT THE FREE UNIVERSITY IN WEST BERLIN WHOSE HOME IS IN ASHBURNHAM, MASS., WAS ARRESTED NEAR KIEV JULY 27, 1961, WHILE ON A TOURIST MOTOR TRIP. HE WAS ACCUSED OF TAKING A PHOTOGRAPH OF A MILITARY OBJECTIVE.

"I BELIEVE I HAVE A COMMITMENT" FOR MAKINEN'S RELEASE, DONOVAN SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE HERE. DONOVAN ACCOMPANIED POWERS TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE US PILOT WAS FREED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY IN EXCHANGE FOR SOVIET SPY RUDOLF ABEL. DONOVAN, WHO WAS ABEL'S ATTORNEY

NEGOTIATED THE POWERS IN EXCHANGE FOR SOVIET SPY RUDOLF ABEL, DONOVAN, WHO WAS ABEL'S ATTORNEY AT THE RUSSIAN'S SPY TRIAL, NEGOTIATED THE POWERS-ABEL EXCHANGE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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